

Energy and Environment
Thursday, February 25, 2010
3:08 P.M.
Third Floor, City Hall

Present:	Chair:	CM B. Ackerson
	Vice Chair:	CM Peden
	Members:	CW Ward-Pugh
Absent:		CW Shanklin and CM Heiner

Chairman Ackerson began the meeting by announcing the members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

Special Items For Discussion – Floyds Fork – Teena Halbig

Mrs. Halbig gave a PowerPoint presentation. (Attached)

Discussion: Chairman Brent Ackerson stated Floyds Fork is very important to the community and mentioned recently legislation was approved out of the Planning/Zoning committee concerning Floyds Fork. He introduced Teena Halbig, member of the Floyds Fork Environmental Association since 1991. The mission of the association is to protect, preserve and conserve Floyds Fork Creek and its tributaries. The following was highlighted:

- Floyds Fork was named after John Floyd
 - He was a surveyor who mapped the Louisville area in 1774
 - An early County Magistrate
 - Killed by Indians in 1783
- Fisher House
 - Named after the Fisher Family who had a flour business
- “Floyds Fork is a natural treasure...it is one of our last remaining natural streams, and we will never be able to recreate its ecology if we lose it now.” – David L. Armstrong, Jefferson County Judge Executive in 1991
- Floyds Fork Facts
 - Floyds Fork drains an area of over 180,000 acres
 - 62 miles long
 - Flows through 5 Counties
 - Henry
 - Oldham
 - Shelby
 - Jefferson
 - Bullitt
 - Major Tributaries
 - Curry's Creek
 - Flat Rock Creek
 - Long Run
 - Pope Lick
 - Cane Run
 - Chenoweth Run
 - Back Run
 - Broad Run
 - Cedar Creek
 - Pennsylvania Run
 - Brooks Run
 - Blue Lick
- Watershed provides habitats for many plants & animals
 - 296 different birds

- Outing scheduled in April for a group to identify the birds around Floyds Fork
 - Over 45 mammal species
 - 32 types of reptiles
 - 25 types of amphibians
 - 27 kinds of mussels
 - Large variety of fish
- Membership Information
 - Teena Halbig and Sheron Lear, Co-Chairs
 - Phone/fax – (502) 267-6883
 - Email – FloydsForkCreek@aol.com
 - Mailing address
 - FFEA, 6505 Echo Trail, Louisville, KY 40299
- Floyds Fork Development Review Overlay District (FFDRO)
 - 1991 – Letter of request to Planning & Zoning for Overlay
 - 1991 – FFEA formed and received attention to save Floyds Fork due to massive excavation and declining water quality
 - 1991 – Judge Executive Armstrong's announcement
 - 1991 – Two Public Hearings held by government
 - 1991 – Task Force of 60 met for 1 ½ years
 - 1992 – Three items put forward from Task Force
 - FFDRO Planning Guidelines, Adopted 1993
 - Down-zoning properties to R-R
 - Floyds Fork Corridor Delineated
 - Highlights from the FFDRO
 - Definition – an overlay shown on the zoning district maps. It constitutes a second level of development standards in addition to those specified by the underlying zoning district
 - Purpose – to protect the quality of the natural environment
 - Guidelines deal with regulated activities, clearing of forested acreage, subdivision of land and expansions
 - Riparian zone of 100 ft. from Floyds Fork Creek and 50 ft. riparian buffer along its tributaries
 - Locating impervious surfaces a minimum of 200 ft. from Floyds Fork Creek
 - Strongly discourage stream relocation and channelization
 - Retention of wooded areas
 - Use of soil erosion and sediment control practices
 - Avoid disturbing slopes of 20% or greater
 - Minimizing cuts and fills
 - Clustering patterns of development of environmentally sensitive areas
 - Retain the corridor's rural character
 - Preserve agricultural use
 - Preserve and retain historic elements
 - Residential developments retain existing wooded areas as a 60 ft. buffer, otherwise provide a 400 ft. plantings for a filtered view
 - Non-residential setback 50 ft. from the right-of-way from scenic corridors with berms of 3 ft. and plantings to screen parking and one tree every 50 ft.
 - Retention of scenic vistas
- Photos were shared from the Floyds Fork Creek Annual Sweep

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.
KLP